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SUBJECT: CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION - FILMS

REF: A. PEKING 1952; B. STATE 248029

1. AT NOVEMBER 12 CALL ON CHINA FILM DISTRIBUTION AND EXHIBITION CORPORATION CHINESE SIDE AGREED TO PROVIDE "WHITE HAIRED GIRL", "RED DETACHMENT OF WOMEN" AND "SPARKLING CANALS OF SHAOSHAN AND CHINA TODAY." THEY INFORMED USLO OFFICER THAT "THE HAN DYNASTY TOMB UNEARTHED AT MA WANG TUI, CHANGSHA" IS ONE OF THE TWO FILMS INCLUDED UNDER THE AGREEMENT, AND THE FIFTH FILM REQUESTED, "CULTURAL RELICS UNEARTHED IN SHEN SI PROVINCE", IS NOT AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE MENTIONED FILMS, CHINESE SIDE IS ALSO PREPARED TO PROVIDE "EDUCATED YOUTH IN THE COUNTRYSIDE" AND "A BRILLIANT SPECTACLE", THE FILM COVERAGE OF THE ASIAN PING PONG CHAMPIONSHIPS.

2. ALL FILMS WILL BE PROVIDED GRATIS FOR THE PERIOD THAT THE EXHIBITION IS IN THE UNITED STATES. CHINESE EXPLAINED THAT SEVERAL OF THE FILMS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SOLD TO THE SINO-AMERICAN EXPORT AND IMPORT CORP. OF WASHINGTON, D.C. WITH EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS FOR COMMERCIAL SHOWINGS. THEY THEREFORE UNABLE TO RENT FILMS TO MUSEUMS, BUT WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE THEM FREE AS A CONTRIBUTION TO MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. THEY ARE INFORMING SINO-AMERICAN IMPORT AND EXPORT CORPORATION OF PLANS. ALL FILMS ARE EITHER IN ENGLISH OR HAVE ENGLISH SCRIPTS AND ARE IN 16 MILIMETER. CHINESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALSO OFFERED TO PREPARE ENGLISH SYNOPSIS FOR FILMS AND USLO

## OFFICER ACCEPTED.

3. USLO OFFICER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CHINESE OFFER AND EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMPT DELIVERY TO WASHINGTON IN TIME FOR EXHIBITION OPENING. HE INDICATED USLO WOULD HANDLE SHIPPING OF FILMS AS SOON AS WE HAD INDICATION FROM DEPARTMENT OF HOW MANY WERE WANTED. (REF B HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED PRIOR TO MEETING). USLO OFFICER ALSO SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY THAT FILMS COULD BE SENT ABOARD SECRETARY'S PLANE IF IT IS RETURNING DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE NEED INDICATION ASAP WHETHER DEPARTMENT WANTS ALL OF THE FILMS PROPOSED BY CHINESE. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR CHECKING WITH S/S WHETHER IT FEASIBLE TO SEND FILMS PROBABLY NOT EXCEEDING ONE HUNDRED POUNDS ABOARD SECRETARY'S PLANE. BUSH

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